

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

This amendment uses paragraph numbering taken from the application as published.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0034]:

FIG. 6 An alternative embodiment in which the chip guide surface is in the form of a sloping surface with a uniform tangent angle.

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0051]:

FIG. 6 shows an embodiment in which the chip guide surface 26 of the chip former is not curved but is instead in the form of a sloping surface with a uniform, positive tool face or tangent angle γ . This sloping chip guide surface can be followed by a curved or radius-provided chip break section 27.